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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health Care Commission  
Duane Goossen, Chair  
Connie Hafenstine  
Sandy Praeger  
Nancy Ruoff  
John Staton

**FROM:** Doug Farmer

**DATE:** March 23, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Caremark Renewal Proposal

We have received a renewal proposal from Caremark for either a one (1) or three (3) year renewal of our pharmacy contract. Caremark has proposed a high performance preferred drug list option. The high performance preferred drug list targets three specific classes of prescription drugs in which numerous generic drugs are available: cholesterol lowering medications (HMGs), proton pump inhibitors (PPIs, which reduce the production of acid in the stomach), and high blood pressure medications (ARBs). The high performance preferred drug list would reduce the number of brand name drugs available in these three classes to encourage use of the generic products.

We are in the process of reviewing the proposal and have requested some additional clarification from Caremark on the terms. A response is expected in the next few weeks and additional information will be provided to the Health Care Commission (HCC). We anticipate presenting a detailed proposal for consideration at the next HCC meeting.